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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE PARTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE STRESSESS ULSTER IDENTITY

1. SOME ONE THOUSAND DELEGATES PARTICIPATED IN FIFTH ANNUAL ALLIANCE PARTY CONFERENCE BELFAST FEBRUARY 22. PARTY LEADER OLIVER NAPIER IN KEYNOTE SPEECH STRESSED THEME OF SLOGAN "REAL PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION", NAPIER CALLED FOR NATIONHOOD FOR SIX COUNTIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND ON SAME MODELS AS SCOTTISH, WELSH AND ENGLISH. NATION NOT RPT NOT TO BE INDEPENDENT OF GREAT BRITAIN BUT WITH RECOGNITION OF ULSTER NATIONHOOD WITHIN UNITED KINGDOM. NAPIER CALLED FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES NORTHERN IRELAND ADOPT COMMON TITLE "ULSTERMEN" AND NEW SYMBOLS OF UNITY SUCH AS NEW ULSTER FLAG AND "LONDONDERRY AIR" AS NATIONAL ANTHEM.

2. DEPUTY LEADER BOB COOPER REDEFINED PHILOSOPHY OF PARTY THAT ALLIANCE WAS ABOUT CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT COMING TOGETHER, ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ABOUT END SECTARIAN POLITICS. HE SAID THERE COULD NOT BE A SOLUTION TO NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM WHILE POLITICAL PARTIES MIRRORED AND INTENSIFIED RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS.

3. DELEGATES PREDICTED ALLIANCE WOULD TAKE 15 SEATS IN CONVENTION ELECTION, AND PASSED SOME 20 MOTIONS. CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED ITS

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FAITH IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND REITERATED CALL FOR ALL PARTY

CONFERENCE ON SECURITY WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION NEW DEVELOPMENTS
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